

SENATE BILL 408

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By: **Senator Jimeno**
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Franchise Agreements - Manufacturer/Dealer**
3 **Relations**

4 FOR the purpose of defining "require" and redefining "coercion" as the terms apply to
5 certain provisions pertaining to the relationship between vehicle manufacturers,
6 distributors, or factory branches and vehicle dealers; prohibiting a
7 manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from requiring a dealer to order or
8 accept delivery of vehicles or equipment, parts, or accessories for a vehicle, or
9 other commodities, that are not required by law, the dealer's franchise
10 agreement, or that are not voluntarily ordered; modifying a certain provision
11 relating to imposition of substantial financial hardship; providing for the
12 construction and effect of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation of
13 vehicle dealer and manufacturer, distributor, and factory branch relations.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 15-207
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 15-207.

23 (a) (1) In this section[:] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
24 INDICATED.

25 [(1)] (2) "Coerce" means to [compel or attempt to compel by threat of
26 harm, breach of contract, or other adverse consequences; and

